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HOUSE BILL 2903
By Montgomery

AN ACT to amend the Safe Drinking Water Act,
Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68,
Chapter 221, Part 7.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

Section 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-221-708 is amended by deleting subsection (a) and substituting the following in its place:

Whenever a public water system is not in compliance with the current primary drinking water regulations, the supplier shall inform the division of such noncompliance as soon as practicable, but not later than twenty-four hours after learning of the noncompliance.

Section 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-221-711 is amended by adding the words, "or the degrading of the water quality" to subsection (4) so that as amended it shall read as follows:

(4) The defiling or the degrading of the water quality by any person of any water supply of a public water system or the damaging of any pipe or other part of a public water system, unless due to an act of God.

Section 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-221-711 is amended by adding the words and punctuation, ", any pollutant," and "well or spring" to subsection (5) so that as amended it shall read as follows:

(5) The discharge by any person of sewage, any pollutant, or other waste at such location as will or will likely come into contact with the public water system intake, well or spring, except in accordance with a permit issued by the department pursuant to § 69-3-108.

Section 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-221-711 is amended by deleting subsection (8) and substituting instead the following:

(8) The heavy pumping or other heavy withdrawal of water from a public water system or its water supply source in a manner that would either interfere with customers' normal and reasonable needs or threaten customers' health and safety.

Section 5. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-221-707 is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated subsection:

() Information that identifies the exact geographic location of a public water system intake or wellhead protection area shall be exempt from disclosure under Title 10, Chapter 7 of the Tennessee Code. If such information is contained within a document that is requested pursuant to that law, it shall be redacted.

Section 6. This Act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.